(c) whether the above order may be looked into and fresh orders issued rectifying the anomalies?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Benefits available to Government servants under various schemes are different. Revision of rates for subscription were made after consulting the Department of Expenditure.

(b) Entitlements of Wards in AIIMS is based on the pay drawn in the pay band, and all officials drawing same pay are entitled to identical facilities in AIIMS.

(c) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare does not intend to revise the instructions issued on 20th May, 2009.

Role of patient welfare Committees under NRHM

†798.SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the role of patient welfare Committees in the National Rural Health Mission;

(b) whether these Committees are effective in helping the poor and the needy;

(c) steps being taken by Government to ensure regular meetings of these Committees, and make their welfare role more effective; and

(d) the details of Government's plan to include eminent persons from society besides officials in these Committees, and give them more and more administrative and financial powers?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Patient Welfare Committees [Rogi Kalyan Smitis (RKS)] are envisaged to be a registered society, for managing the affairs of health facility concerned. It comprises members from local Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). Non Government Organisations(NGOs), local elected representatives, eminent persons from the community and officials from Government who are responsible for proper functioning and management of the health facility. The RKS is supported with annual corpus grant under NRHM and is also envisaged to receive the user charges, if any levied at the facility concerned. The RKS are empowered to manage the health facility and compensate for any service gaps. The RKS are being highly effective in the States and are helping the poor and needy. The Government has disseminated the guidelines for ensuring regular meetings of these committees so as to make them more effective. The functioning of RKSs is monitored as an integral part of Review Missions under the NRHM.

Status of Indian public health standards

†799.SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether structural, personnel, equipment and management standards have been defined in Indian public health standards;

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